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>>> toadie <tpf@keene.edu> 11/15/96 05:32pm >>>

\*\* Learn as if you will live forever,  
Live as if you may die tomorrow.\*\* please do not grant the phone companies the ability to chARGE  
INTERNET USERS. They know that Americans will pay, but we should not have to.  
Thank you, tim francis.

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>>> Kris Hart <rkh64@jcn1.com> 11/15/96 06:17pm >>>  
Dear Sir Or Madam;

The recent news I have heard about the large telephone companies petitioning to charge Internet users is rather disheartening. It would seem that everytime a new and useful technology comes along, big business wants to exploit it for a buck. I am just a regular citizen who likes the

potential the internet presents, and I often spend hours playing around. Now, Bell telephone wants to start charging me, like a long-distance bill? Don't get me wrong, I'm not some crackpot who doesn't believe in taxes or paying his bills, but come on. I believe the telephone companies have enough revenue. Thank you for you attention in advance.

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**Subject:** Don't Let them -Reply

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>>> <Fortress17@aol.com> 11/15/96 07:17pm >>>

Dear FCC,

Please don't allow the telephone companies to charge us with using our on-line connections. We already are charged through our credit cards for use of on-line connections. Just because more people are using their computers to talk to each other doesn't mean the telephone will stop being used. I call my mother on the phone at least 4 times a week and she lives in Washington and I in Tennessee. So I believe they get enough of my business without charging me for using on-line to talk with people I can't normally call by phone. Maybe if they lowered their phone charges already in place more people would get back to using the phone. Though times are changing there must be other ways they can get ahead without allowing them to charge us extra. Thank you for reading/listening me out.

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**Subject:** Charging phone fees for Internet? -Reply

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>>> <CarolynG5@aol.com> 11/15/96 07:29pm >>>

Is it true that the major phone companies are requesting charging an additional fee for using their lines for Internet service?

Everybody wants a piece of the pie. It seems the Internet is constantly under attack from one source or another. I wish people would leave this service alone. It is the only way for many people to keep in touch.

CarolynG5@aol.com

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>>> David Pierce <servo@iAmerica.net> 11/15/96 07:37pm >>>

I understand that the telephone companies are trying to put a 1 cent charge on all Internet calls. I don't feel that this is right. As a college student I use the Internet during my studies. I am using a server that charges only a monthly fee, not an hourly rate. This helps me to balance my budget, without the added hassle of worrying how much time I spend online while doing my homework. The extra charge they are wanting would give myself and some of my fellow students a disadvantage because we are trying to put ourselves through college. I am asking that you consider the effects this will have on college students across the nation who do not have the luxury of having somebody else pay their bills for them.

Sincerely,

David M. Pierce  
servo@iamerica.net

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**Date:** 11/18/96 6:43am  
**Subject:** Phone Companies and Internet -Reply

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>>> Chris Hayes <crsaze@jcn1.com> 11/15/96 07:42pm >>>  
To whom it may concern...

... because it concerns me. I would like to express my opposition to allowing phone companies to charge extra for internet use over their lines. I'm currently paying to have a phone. If I want to let my computer, or my dog, or even my wife talk on it, then that's my business. I'm also paying for an internet service. If I am charged extra for just the use of the line, then I will be forced to stop all of my extra services. I'm sure that many others feel the same way, and if many people quit using the internet, it will bring a halt to such a great advance that our world society has taken.

Thank you,

Chris J. Hayes  
(taxpayer, U.S. Citizen, One of those little guys that pays the "Bills")

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**From:** FCCINFO  
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**Date:** 11/18/96 6:45am  
**Subject:** Internet fee for telecoms -Reply

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>>> <BrassBone1@aol.com> 11/15/96 08:01pm >>>  
To Whom It May Concern:

I was recently made aware of a group of telephone companies petitioning the FCC for permission to charge a fee for telephone users who use their line to access the Internet.

I believe such a fee would be detrimental to learning in our country, and discourage many families and their children from accessing the Internet from home, thus taking away a valuable learning tool from many. Internet subscription fees to the various online services are high enough as it is.

Topping that off with an access fee charged by your local TelCo would make Internet access unaffordable for many in our country.

Please consider disallowing these telephone companies from charging an access fee for Internet users.

Your time reading this has been appreciated.

Howard Hecht  
Eagan, MN  
BrassBone1@aol.com

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**From:** FCCINFO  
**To:** FCCMAIL.SMTP("dean@nwiowa.com")  
**Date:** 11/18/96 7:31am  
**Subject:** Please do not allow phone companies to charge per-minute fees. -Reply

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>>> Dean Bodholdt <dean@nwiowa.com> 11/17/96 08:18am >>>  
Dear sir or sirs:

I have heard that you are currently considering proposals by the local regional phone companies to start charging additional fees to customers for their connection to an Internet Service Provider (ISP).

Please do not allow the phone companies to do this.

I haven't had any problems with my telephone service here in Storm Lake since the Internet became available here. Nor have I had problems with phone service after subscribing to my local ISP late last month.

I would not be able to absorb the increased costs that are being proposed by the phone companies. I live on a fixed income, and would not be able to afford per-minute charges by regional telephone companies.

So please, do not allow this kind of charging by phone companies to happen!  
The Internet needs to remain available to the widest number of people possible!

Thanks for your time!

Dean dean@nwiowa.com

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**To:** FCCMAIL.SMTP("rbrylins@ix.netcom.com")  
**Date:** 11/18/96 7:34am  
**Subject:** internet phone charge -Reply

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>>> Rita M. Brylinsky <rbrylins@ix.netcom.com> 11/17/96 12:20pm >>>

I am writing you on behalf of all that use the internet. Please do not grant the major phone companies their request to charge internet users a fee for using phone lines!!!! Do not grant their request.

Rita Brylinsky

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**To:** FCCMAIL.SMTP("CRANE@TWSUVM.UC.TWSU.EDU")  
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**Subject:** Added charges for data transmission on phone lines... -Reply

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>>> <CRANE@TWSUVM.UC.TWSU.EDU> 11/17/96 01:41pm >>>  
Greetings!

If phone companies want to charge (more?) for personal data transmission (internet usage) on thier lines, perhaps we (the USA) should charge them (more?) for thier proprietary usage of portions of the frequency spectrum. Doesn't the USA retain ownership of the spectrum??

They see no harm in asking for more privileges; we (the FCC) should see no harm in saying "Thanks, but NO!"

Thanks for your attention.

Regards,

Alan Crane, RPT  
Wichita State University crane@twsuvm.uc.twsu.edu

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>>> <DDO777@aol.com> 11/17/96 01:54pm >>>

Dear FCC: Please do not allow the phone companies to charge for internet time. Thank You.

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>>> Lee W Williams <[wlww@juno.com](mailto:wlww@juno.com)> 11/17/96 02:55pm >>>

We have one of the greatest communication systems in the world but when someone thinks we have it to easy.They try to muddle things up.

I am against long distant fees for on-line services.

LEE WILLIAMS

MORGANTOWN,KY

42261

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>>> Robert Walker <RWalker-ok@worldnet.att.net> 11/17/96 03:11pm >>>

Local phone companies are now saying they cannot handle the added traffic due to the number of people using the internet. I suggest you open up "completely" the local phone services to competition to help alleviate some of their congestion problems.

RWalker

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>>> <travismj@wayfarer1.com> 11/17/96 06:02pm >>>

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To: fccinfo@fcc.gov

Subject: Internet User Fees

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I am a concerned citizen living in New Mexico. I heard recently of a move by the major phone companies petitioning you to charge Internet users a fee. As a new user to the Internet, I emlore you to consider vetoing this request. The major phone companies already get a huge fee in monthly costs and repairs and I'm sure they get a profit from the long distance carriers. Most people feel the phone companies are trying to make another huge profit from the Internet users. I have already e.mailed my congresswoman and senator with my concerns for this proposed fee. Your consideration in vetoing this request is greatly appreciated.

Julie A. Travis

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>>> JAMES D HALE <bucket1@juno.com> 11/17/96 06:15pm >>>

I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO PHONE COMPANIES CHARGING FOR TIME SPENT ON-LINE. FIRST OF ALL THEY GET THIER MONEY FOR USE OF THE PHONE LINES AND THEN TACK ON AN EXTRA CHARGE IF IT'S LONG DISTANCE. THATS OK SINCE THEY OWN THE PHONE LINES. THEY DO NOT OWN OUR RIGHT TO COMMUNICATE WHICH IS WHAT THE INTERNET IS. BY ALLOWING THIS YOU DENY ACCESS FOR THOSE PEOPLE THAT CAN AFFORD TELEPHONE SERVICE, BUT CAN'T AFFORD THE EXTRA CHARGES THAT THIS WOULD INCUR.

THANKS FOR LISTENING

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**From:** Dr. Mark W. Tengowski <mtengows@students.wisc.edu>  
**To:** A16.A16(rm8775)  
**Date:** 11/18/96 4:15pm  
**Subject:** keep internet affordable

Please regulate the telephone monopolies. If they increase the fees used to access the internet, then it's purpose will not be realized. This information should be made available to everyone, not just those who can afford to access it.

Prevent unnecessary internet access fees,  
Mark

Mark W. Tengowski, DVM, MS  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center  
and Department of Zoology

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>>> John <ffpm@exis.net> 11/18/96 11:43am >>>  
To whom it may concern,

I was very disturbed about an email that I recieved from my local mom and pop ISP. They informed me that telco's are trying to get through FCC approval for charging ISP up tp a three cents minute for lines used by the ISP's to connect their customers to the internet. If the FCC allows this to happen I will no longer be able to have access to the internet because the pricing will be to high for access. The Telco's are complaining that ISP's are starting to overload their switches but on the other hand the same companys are also getting into the ISP bussiness offering unlimited access hours for a flat rate. This seems like a plot to monopolize the service provider market allowing them to drive rates through the roof after their competition is eliminated. I will be forwarding a copy of this email to my congressman incase he is unaware of what Phone companys are trying to pull.

Attached is a copy of the email sent to me by my ISP concerning this topic.

Thank you for your time,  
John Harrington ffpm@exis.net

EMAIL form EXIS.NET:

I believe most of you will be more than a little disturbed after reading this piece. If you enjoy the internet, and feel it is a good value at todays prices, this is a MUST read article. If the telco's get their way, ALL ISP's will be charged as much as 3 cents a minute for each phone line in use on their systems. Internet access will go up to \$50-\$100 a month or MORE depending on how much you use the 'Net. The RBOC's have figured out that the internet may start by-passing them, and they are scrambling to keep their market share and hold on to a market that they had sole source privileges for too many years...

ExisNet has been leading the battle charge, but everyone needs to let your representivities know what you think. Also you should voice your concerns to the FCC, as they will make the final descision on this matter. Failure to voice your feeling could result in the InterNet becoming too costly to use for the average citizen!

Already Bell Atlantic is showing their colors with there non-regulated Internet Business. They are crying the blues about their switches becoming overloaded if the internet trend continues. They are talking about all the money they must spend on switches to be able to keep up with present growth. Guess what?? Most businesses must spend money BEFORE there is a return. ExisNet has spent many hundreds of thousands of dollars to put equipment online to compete in the InterNet marketplace. We did not have anyone to complain to about how much the equipment costs to provide access....We did it to establish ExisNet as the \*Leaders\* in the InterNet market place....We took the risk of investing and continue to invest to provide the \*BEST\* access in the area.

The same companys that say its switches will not be able to keep up, is offering UNLIMITED (No Time Limits) to its internet customers to be competitive in the market ..... Is this the same company that is concerned about overloaded switches??? ExisNet has ALWAYS had the attitude of, "use the Internet when you need it, but PLEASE log off when you are not using it", and that is why we have a 130 hr free limit (which is unlimited for 99% of the users). We want to conserve the telco and network assets so many can use our system with few or NO busy signals while maintaining high levels of performance. How can these companies be allowed to talk out of both sides of their mouth at the same time??

In my opinion, and if folks believe otherwise they must have just fallen off the turnip truck: NONE of the Telephone Companies can NOT provide the same quality of service/performance as a local ISP and turn a profit at todays

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InterNet access rates. The InterNet does NOT scale well and there is NO way they can provide the performance and customer service that a local ISP can. What are they to do you say? Well one way of taking the market over is to get high rates put on ALL ISP's. They say they will charge themselves the same rates ... OK, they run their ISP business at a loss or near loss and the parent telephone company makes a bundle with the higher access rates and they put the other ISP's out of business and they then own the market! I wonder what these ISP rates would be in a non-competitive market??

Bell Atlantic has been demonstrating their ability for fixing problems the past couple of days. One of ExisNets major customers, Widomaker

Communications in Williamsburg, VA, started having major problems with their Bell Atlantic Circuits to us (these circuits carry all the

InterNet traffic from Williamsburg to the InterNet through ExisNet). Bell

Atlantic was called Thursday night and widomaker.com was told that they could not find anything wrong. These circuits were going up and down like a Yo

Yo.....He kept calling and finally late Saturday they admitted that they had a problem.....48 hours he had been in very dire straits, and it took this long for them to even admit that something was wrong with THIER (Bell) circuits! Do you want to have to get InterNet access from a company that demonstrates this level of service??

Ben Loyall, President Widomaker Communications, makes his living providing

InterNet access and has to rely on ExisNet and Bell Atlantic for service. I am proud to say ExisNet has not let him down. We all know the continuing problems ExisNet has had with Bell Atlantic over the years. We had to run redundant circuits, through COX Fibernet, to insure reliable service for our customers. We have gotten the same answer Ben did, too many times.....They always want to point their fingers at CPE (customer provided equipment), and will spend hours and days trying to prove its our problem and not theirs! If they would only work as hard trying to fix the problems, instead of pointing at customer equipment.

Like I said early on in this e-mail, the telco's MUST be stopped in their tracks NOW, or reasonable, reliable InterNet access will become a thing of the past! EVERYONE must take a moment and call or write their Congressman, Senator AND the FCC and let them know YOU know what these telephone companies are up to and they must do their job to INSURE that the Internet is allowed to prosper in a free market.

The Telephone companys should NOT be allowed to provide InterNet service as this is a conflict of interest any way you cut it ... They can price us out of business or allow our service to degrade to a level that our customers leave! They need to hone their skills at providing quality telephone and local data loops and leave the InterNet to the professionals that have been doing this for a long time and have the expereance to provide a quality InterNet product. The InterNet is alot more than dialup phone lines and local loops!

Let them know loud and clear YOU will not stand for what is going on and you did not fall off the turnip truck yesterday!

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>>> Mike Lauber <laubermw@SLUVCA.SLU.EDU> 11/18/96 02:37am >>>

Well Jus to say my two sense this is america home of the free you start charging a user fee for the internet and this country is going to hell i na hand basket. THAT IS RIDICULOUS TO EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!!!

We pay for our Connection THAT IS ENOUGH!!!

Without a Warning  
Youre outta control  
The ground shakes  
And the oceans roll  
This is the Big One  
There's nowhere to run  
"George Strait"

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>>> DAVID BRETL <bretldav@ix.netcom.com> 11/15/96 11:50pm >>>

The rights of way belong to local governments. Resist the \$20 M telecom lobbying effort. Do the right thing in Troy!

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>>> Tony Morgan <[tmorg@clnk.com](mailto:tmorg@clnk.com)> 11/18/96 10:14am >>>

I have been sent an e-mail from <http://www.auidea.com> concerning the 1983 exemption of paying extra charges to local telcos for local modem lines connecting to the Internet. In light of this mailing I would like to know if this information has any truth and how can we rectify this situation with the local telcos. I do not wish to be a member of IDEA but also like this information made public so all small ISPs can take advantage of the opportunity and not continue to be stuck out in the woods with no local POP from a backbone provider paying enormous rates to connect to the Internet

100s of miles away to provide access to the rural areas. I feel that instead of protecting rural companies in the Telecom Act of 96 the government should force them to provide some type of connection to Service Providers or offer Internet connectivity themselves. I am forced to connect

108 miles away to the AT&T POP and cannot connect any closer due to state line restrictions and small rural companies not wanting to grow up. I would appreciate any input you might have to make life a little better for ISPs in the sticks. Thank you for your time.

sincerely

Tony Morgan

"Cyberlink Of Poteau" <http://www.clnk.com>  
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>>> Roger Horn <horn@hickory.engr.utk.edu> 11/18/96 11:03am >>>  
Dear Sirs:

On a recent news broadcast from Denver, the major phone companies announced that they are petitioning the FCC to charge Internet users a fee, much like long distance, to use their telephone lines for all their on-line time.

I am sending this note to you to ask that the FCC NOT grant phone companies this request.

Thank you.

Roger D. Horn  
Knoxville, TN

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>>> <pawpec@jersey.net> 11/16/96 12:44pm >>>  
To Whom It May Concern:

I am asking you not to allow fees to be charged to the 'common internet user.' I am a teacher and use the internet in my research and in increasing my knowledge base. It is people like me that would suffer the most if a fee were to be charged for internet services. Please keep the flow of information free of charge. Knowledge is power and the power belong to the people not the telephone companies. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Paul Chang

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